



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Lawrence A. Shimp et al.  
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TITLE: SPINAL INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT, INTERCONNECTIONS  
FOR SUCH IMPLANT AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING  
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**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper is a substitute for a prior amendment not entered in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004 having a one month extended response due date set to expire on July 24, 2003.

**In the Claims**

Cancel claims 11, 15-17, 21, 24, 30-32, 34-59, 64 -138.

Amend claims 1, 60 and 62 per the attached. The claims appear on pages 7-15.

The remarks begin on page 2.